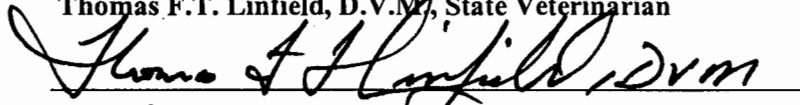


**DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 05-02-I**

**DATE:** July 22, 2005  
**DATE EFFECTIVE:** July 22, 2005  
**DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL:**  
**SUBJECT:** Importation of Canadian Feeder Cattle and Bison into Montana.  
**STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION:** 81-2-102(1)(d), Montana Code Annotated

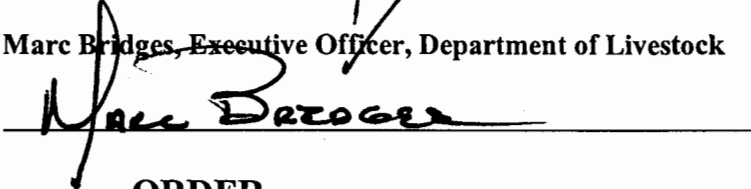
**ORDERED BY:**

Thomas F.T. Linfield, D.V.M., State Veterinarian



**REVIEWED BY:**

Marc Bridges, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock



**ORDER**

**AS DIRECTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE SET FORTH ABOVE, UNTIL AMENDED BY STATUTE, RULE, OR OFFICIAL ORDER, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEEDER CATTLE AND BISON IMPORTED INTO DESIGNATED FEEDLOTS IN THE STATE OF MONTANA FROM CANADA ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- I. CATTLE AND BISON MUST BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM THE U.S. PORT OF ENTRY TO THE DESIGNATED MONTANA FEEDLOT IDENTIFIED ON THE CANADIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND THE VS FORM 17-130 ACCOMPANYING THE SHIPMENT.
- II. VEHICLES TRANSPORTING CANADIAN CATTLE AND BISON TO DESIGNATED MONTANA FEEDLOTS MUST BE SEALED WITH OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT SEALS.
  - A. Presence of intact official U.S. Government seals must be certified, and then broken, by an accredited veterinarian licensed in Montana upon arrival at the designated Montana feedlot, at owner's expense.
  - B. It is the responsibility of the individual receiving animals at the designated Montana feedlot to ensure an accredited veterinarian has been scheduled to certify and break the official U.S. Government seals.
- III. CATTLE AND BISON MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED WITH AN OFFICIAL CANADIAN EARTAG.
  - A. Individual identification of animals, as represented on the Canadian Health Certificate, must be certified by an accredited veterinarian licensed in Montana within 72 hours after arrival at the designated Montana feedlot, at owner's expense.
- IV. CATTLE AND BISON MUST BE LESS THAN 30 MONTHS OF AGE.
  - A. Age of animals being less than 30 months must be certified by an accredited veterinarian licensed in Montana within 72 hours after arrival at the designated Montana feedlot, at owner's expense.
- V. CATTLE AND BISON MUST NOT BE PREGNANT.
  - A. Non-pregnancy status of sexual intact female animals must be certified by an accredited veterinarian licensed in Montana within 72 hours after arrival at the designated Montana feedlot, at owner's expense.

- VI. CATTLE AND BISON MUST BE "CAN" BRANDED, HIGH ON THE RIGHT HIP.
- A. Presence of "CAN" brand on all animals must be certified by an agent of the Department of Livestock within 72 hours after arrival at the designated Montana feedlot.
- VII. CATTLE AND BISON MUST REMAIN AT THE DESIGNATED MONTANA FEEDLOT IDENTIFIED ON THE CANADIAN HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND THE VS FORM 17-130 UNTIL TRANSPORTED TO A USDA-APPROVED SLAUGHTERING FACILITY.
- A. Immediately prior to transport to a USDA-approved slaughtering facility, individual identification of animals must be certified by an accredited veterinarian licensed in Montana, at owner's expense.
- B. Immediately prior to transport to a USDA-approved slaughtering facility, vehicles transporting animals must be sealed with official U.S. Government seals by an accredited veterinarian licensed in Montana, at owner's expense.
- C. Immediately prior to transport to a USDA-approved slaughtering facility, a completed VS Form 1-27 "Permit for Movement of Restricted Animals" must be issued by an accredited veterinarian licensed in Montana, at owner's expense. The accredited veterinarian issuing the VS Form 1-27 will certify the following:
- i. The location of the USDA-approved slaughtering facility;
  - ii. The individual responsible for the movement of the animals;
  - iii. The individual identification of each animal in the shipment; and
  - iv. The official U.S. Government seal numbers.

ADDITIONAL:

- (1) ALL FEEDER CATTLE AND BISON IMPORTED INTO MONTANA FROM CANADA WILL BE QUARANTINED UPON ARRIVAL BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN.
- (2) ALL FEEDER CATTLE AND BISON ORIGINATING FROM MANITOBA MUST BE TUBERCULOSIS TESTED WITHIN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO IMPORTATION INTO MONTANA (OFFICIAL ORDER 05-01-I).
- (3) A MONTANA IMPORT PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL SHIPMENTS OF FEEDER CATTLE AND BISON IMPORTED INTO MONTANA FROM CANADA. PERMITS MUST BE OBTAINED WITHIN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO IMPORTATION INTO MONTANA. (406-444-2976).
- (4) ALL CATTLE AND BISON THAT DIE IN A DESIGNATED MONTANA FEEDLOT MUST BE INSPECTED BY MONTANA LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR, AT OWNER'S EXPENSE (81.3.215, MCA).